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FROM PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VIETNAM EQUIPMENT

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE ON ABOVE SUBJECT (REFTEL B). LOOK
FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS WITH YOU HERE.

2. KING AND BIN SHAKER ARE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AS RESULT OF
DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IN THE SPRING WE VOLUNTEERED TO PRODUCE
SOME SORT OF LIST OF AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT FOR THEM TO REVIEW WITH
IDEA THEN OF SELECTING WHAT THEY WANTED.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED TOO ABOUT POTENTIAL USE OF F-104'S. ONLY
THOUGHT WHICH HAS THUS FAR COME TO MIND HAS BEEN TURKEY AND
OBVIOUSLY THAT CAN GO NOWHERE UNTIL TURKISH AID AND SALES PROBLEM
IS WORKED OUT AS WE HOPE IT WILL BE. BUT THEN, SINCE TURKS HAVE
104'S, A GIFT MIGHT HELP. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE
INTEREST IN KENYA WHICH EXPECTED TO GET F-5'S FROM IRAN, BUT
WHICH SHAH HAS NOW DECIDED TO GIVE TO JORDAN OR TO KEEP IN
INVENTORY DEPENDING UPON HOW YOU LOOK AT QUESTION OF
ALLOCATION.

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